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Memorandum
City Manager's Office

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Leslye Krutko

**SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO QUESTION
REGARDING FEDERAL
HOMELESS LEGISLATION**

DATE: March 12, 2008

Approved

Date

3-12-08

INFORMATION

At the March 4, 2008 meeting of the City Council, Councilmember Campos asked a question regarding Agenda Item 3.13, which requested that the Council take positions on two bills-- H.R. 840 (Carson) and S. 1518 (Reed)-- that propose changes to federal homeless program administration. The Housing Department requested that the City Council approve a position of support for H.R. 840; for S.1518, the Department requested a position of support if amended to revise the requirement for a community board.

Councilmember Campos correctly noted that both bills would require the establishment of a community board. However, the requirements for this oversight board as required by H.R. 840 are less onerous than would be required by S. 1518. Specifically, H.R. 840 allows a local jurisdiction to use an existing community board to meet the requirement, which the staff believes would be fulfilled by the existing Collaborative on Housing and Homelessness. Under S. 1518, there is no similar provision to allow a jurisdiction to use an existing body. Rather, the bill requires the establishment of a new collaborative body, with requirements that are not yet determined.

The request to take a position of "Support if Amended" for S. 1518 will enable the City's federal lobbyist to work with Senator Reed's office to ensure that the community board requirement can be met without undue cost and staff time should the bill eventually be signed into law.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at X5-3851.

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